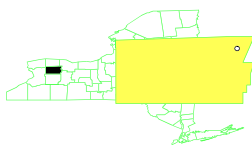


# BYRON BARREL AND DRUM NEW YORK

EPA ID# NYD980780670



**EPA REGION 2**  
**CONGRESSIONAL DIST. 27**  
Genesee County  
9 miles north of Batavia

## Site Description

The Byron Barrel and Drum site, which occupies about 2 acres of an 8-acre parcel, was used as a salvage yard for heavy construction equipment. In 1982, it was revealed that the site had been used for hazardous waste disposal. Approximately 200 drums of solid and liquid chemical wastes were abandoned on the site without any spill control or containment provisions. Over 200 additional drums were ripped open or crushed, mixed with soil, and covered over. Other drums were disposed of in a ravine. Testing by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation showed hazardous substances, including polychlorinated biphenyls, in many of the drums. The site is bordered by heavily wooded areas and farmland. Surface water drains to Oak Orchard Creek, which is within 1/2 mile of the site. The property lies within 2 miles of a residential area. Approximately 20 people draw drinking water from wells within 1 mile of the site; 2,200 others live within a 3-mile radius. Water supplies are privately provided and use both surface water and ground water. Testing of residential wells near the site through early 1994 has not shown any site-related contaminants to be present.

**Site Responsibility:** This site is being addressed through a combination of federal and potentially responsible party's actions.

### NPL LISTING HISTORY

Proposed Date: 10/01/84  
Final Date: 06/10/86

## Threats and Contaminants

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On-site ground water and soil are contaminated with volatile organic compounds. Direct contact with or ingestion of contaminated ground water or soils on this site may pose a health threat.

## Cleanup Approach

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This site is being addressed in two stages: emergency actions and a long-term remedial phase focusing on the cleanup of the entire site.

## Response Action Status

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**Emergency Actions:** In 1984, EPA removed the drums located on-site and contaminated soils and debris from the site and disposed of them at an EPA-approved hazardous waste disposal facility. EPA also installed a monitoring well, sampled soils, and tested nearby private wells. In 1990, during an EPA site inspection, 10 additional drums were found and disposed of.

**Entire Site:** In 1989, following the completion of a remedial investigation and feasibility study to determine the nature and extent of the contamination at and emanating from the site and to evaluate remedial alternatives, a Record of Decision (ROD) was signed, selecting a remedy for the site. The selected remedy featured flushing contaminants from the subsurface soil in-place and evaporating volatile ground water contaminants by air stripping and then decontaminating the vapors with activated carbon. Data collected during pre-remedial design sampling revealed that the contaminant concentrations in the groundwater in one of the two areas of the site noted above are only marginally above the cleanup levels specified in the ROD and that the levels of inorganic contaminants in the surface soil in the third area of the site noted above is consistent with background concentrations. Based on these findings, it was concluded that further action in these two areas is not warranted. The contamination in the remaining area of the site, however, still requires remediation. To enhance the remediation of the contaminated soil in this area, instead of discharging the treated water to a recharge basin, as was originally planned, an infiltration gallery, consisting of perforated pipe and gravel, will be installed after the excavation of several feet of contaminated soil. The excavated soil will be transported off-site for treatment/disposal. These modifications to the remedy were documented in an August 2000 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD).

The design of the selected remedy, as modified by the ESD, was performed by the potentially responsible parties (PRPs). The in-situ soil flushing remedy commenced in June . It is anticipated that it will take three years to remediate the contaminated soil and groundwater.

**Site Facts:** EPA issued an Administrative Order in 1984, requiring the property owner to take immediate corrective actions to clean up the site. The owner did not comply with the order. In 1990, EPA issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to the PRPs for the performance of the engineering design and the cleanup of the site. The UAO was superseded by a Consent Decree in 1996.

## Cleanup Progress



**(Immediate Threat Mitigated by Physical Clean Up Work;  
Remedy Under Design)**

The removal of over 400 drums and approximately 64 tons of contaminated soils and debris greatly reduced the potential for exposure to hazardous substances at the Byron Barrel and Drum site while further studies and design of the final cleanup activities continue.

## Site Repositories



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Byron Town Hall, Townline Road, Byron, New York 14422

Gillam Grant Library, 6966 West Bergan Road, Bergan, New York 14416

EPA Region II Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866